

The Urgency of NOW: ***APHSA's “Pathways” and the National Workgroup on Integration***

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Policy Trends

1. SNAP Reauthorization

- ✓ Due Sept. 30; extension current policy into next year is likely.
- ✓ Any changes probably will include limits on categorical eligibility, loss of annual bonus funding.

2. TANF reauthorization

- ✓ Same as above; Congress may prevent new waiver opportunities recently announced by ACF and prohibit third-party MOE.

3. Child care block grant

- ✓ Might be reauthorized; not likely

4. SSBG is at risk

5. “Fiscal cliff” issues

- ✓ Sequestration, tax policy, big-picture budget battles will dominate lame-duck session/early months of the new Congress

Today's Reality



Human services is on an unsustainable path

The country's political environment is polarized

The country's economic environment is uncertain

Transformation of the human services system is paramount

Pathways: The Opportunities Ahead for Human Services

What is Pathways?

1. **ACTION AGENDA** – policy and practice reforms designed to help secure the next generation of health and human services delivery.
2. **ONGOING INITIATIVE** – not just a set of documents or recommendations.
3. **DRIVEN BY URGENCY** – transformation must take place if we are to move to a more sustainable path
4. **ACHIEVING OUTCOMES** – better, more sustainable
5. **FOCUSES ON SOLUTIONS** – that transcend differences and move toward achieving sustainable outcomes

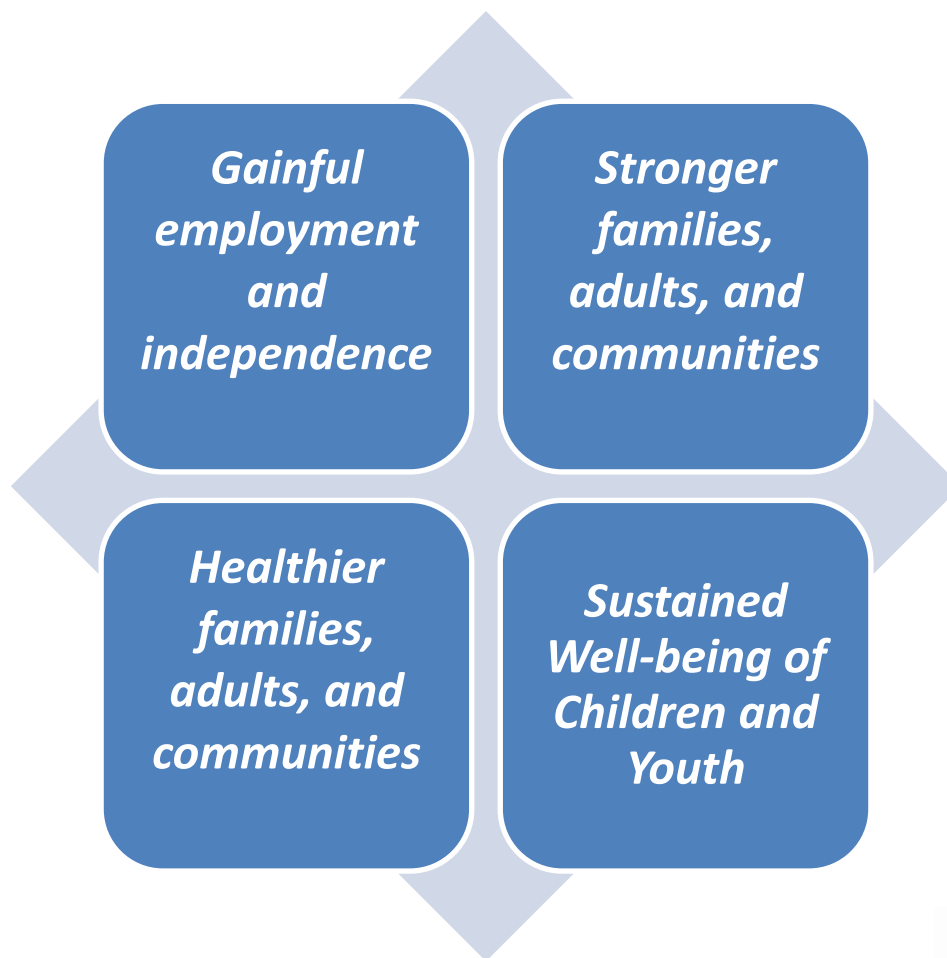
What Do We Mean By Transformation?

1. **Integration and alignment of programs/services** – within and across government and private sectors
2. **Shared governance** – moving beyond traditional lines and advancing a shared agenda with public, private and non-profit sector partners
3. **Deliberate experimentation** – allowing for innovative “R&D”
4. **Elevating existing practices** – that have been shown to work and quickly taking them to scale.
5. **Meeting our customers where they are** – doing so with modern marketplace tools, and engaging them in their own success.



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The Outcomes We Seek



Key Elements

Our efforts focus on these key elements, which are preventive, collaborative, and strategic:

- Prevention
- Early intervention
- Bridge supports
- Capacity-building
- Sustainability

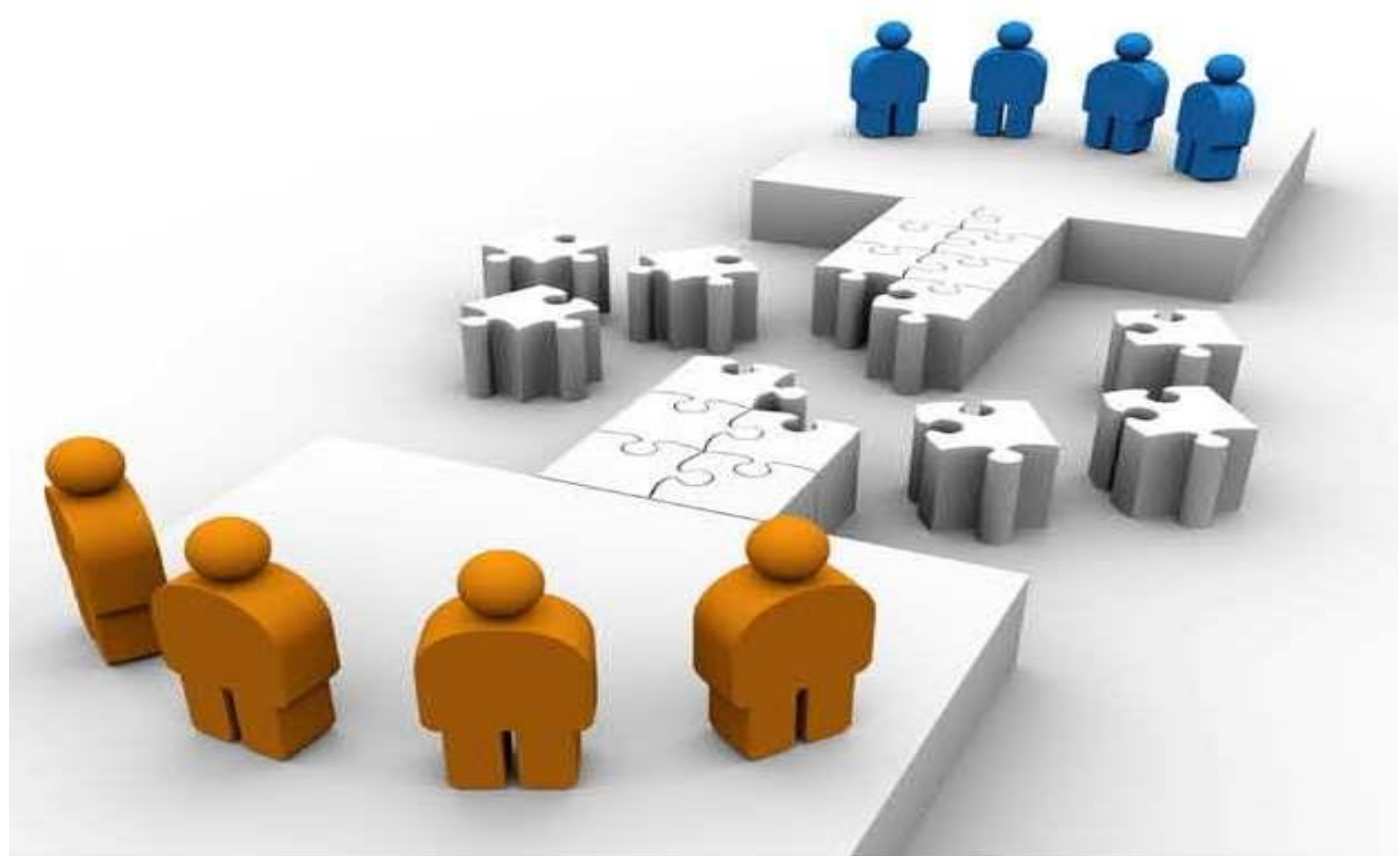
Pathways: What We Are Doing

1. Published documents
 - Policy briefs setting policy priorities for the four outcomes
 - Specific policy recommendations for SNAP, TANF
2. Raise the Locals Voice Initiative
3. Launch of Innovation Center
4. National Workgroup on Integration (NWI)
Guidance

<http://www.aphsa.org/Policy/pathways.asp>

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National Workgroup on Integration



NWI's Vision in Support of APHSA's "Pathways"

1. A fully integrated health and human services system that operates a:
 - ✓ Seamless
 - ✓ Streamlined information exchange
 - ✓ Shared services, and
 - ✓ Coordinated care delivery system
2. A consumer-focused modern marketplace designed to improve:
 - ✓ Consumer outcomes
 - ✓ Population health
 - ✓ Bend the HHS cost curve by 2025

NWI Materials

1. ***“Bridging the Divide: Leveraging New Opportunities to Integrate Health and Human Services”***
2. **FAQs on Cost Allocation Exception and APDs**
3. **Guidance Documents:**
 - *Governance - Technology Business Model*
4. **Webinar Series**
 - *Shared Services – Business Model for Human Services*
 - *Governance – Challenges of Data Sharing*
 - *21st Century Technology*

For copies of NWI materials, please see:
<http://nwi.aphsa.org/>

The Fierce Urgency of NOW



1. Integrating healthcare and human services plays a key role:

- Lifting people out of poverty**
- Improving health**
- Enhancing employment possibilities for the people served by both systems**

2. New time-limited federal funding

- Encourages states to plan/develop system connectivity between healthcare and human services**